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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowability for the above-identified patent application. Although applicants believe that the substance of the personal interview with the Examiner held on November 25, 2003, has been completely described in the Examiner Interview Summary Record dated November 25, 2003 and in the Remarks/Arguments section of applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection dated November 26, 2003, applicants wish to make sure that the Examiner agrees that the substance of the interview has been sufficiently made of record in this case so as to be in compliance with MPEP 713.04 and 37 CFR §1.133(b).

If the Examiner does not agree that the substance of the interview has been sufficiently made of record in this case so as to be in compliance with MPEP 713.04 and 37 CFR §1.133(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to so notify applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,
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